

LIVING CONDITIONS IN STOCKYARDS DISTRICT TOLD IN COURTROOM

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Living conditions in the stockyards district in the neighborhood known as "Back of the Yards" are the subject of much testimony in the meat packers' wage arbitration now before Federal Judge Sam Aleschuler.

Mrs. Rosalie Robeck, a widow of ten days and the mother of three children, said her husband had worked for Wilson & Co. in the Chicago stockyards for several years. His earnings, she said, never had been as much as \$20 until the week before he died, when he worked eighty hours and received \$23. He was a truckman at the time of his death.

When her children had measles she did not have money enough to have a doctor and when her husband died she had to rely on friends to pay his funeral expenses.

In answer to questions by Attorney Frank P. Walsh, she said she never attended a theater, moving picture show, a picnic or other form of amusement. She declared she never even went for street car rides to public parks, because she could not afford it.

Mrs. Anna C. McQuillan, whose husband is at present an organizer for the American Federation of Labor, but formerly worked in the stockyards as a lard inspector for \$130 a month, testified that she was never able to live decently with her three children on her husband's salary. She read a statement of the living expenses of a family of five prepared by an official of one of the stockyard labor unions. It totaled \$1,288.84 for the year and after inspecting it carefully the witness said no family of five could live decently on that sum under the present high cost of living. It allowed \$20 a month for rent, \$5 for fuel and \$5 to clothe the mother and children.

She said the estimate made no allowance for doctor bills, the education of the children or for the upkeep of the home.

Attorney Walsh said the average wage of a stockyard employee at 27½ cents an hour, working every day, would be \$325.50.

Rev. Louis W. Grudzinski, pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic church, one of the largest parishes "Back of the Yards," expressed the opinion that the members of his church employed in the stockyards were underpaid and their children undernourished. The average family, he said, consisted of six or seven children and it was impossible on the wages received to provide proper food and clothing. He said the housing conditions in the district were deplorable. Many of the families of employees who had gone to war were in need.

On cross-examination the witness said he had inspected the different packing plants in the stockyards and had noted the welfare work being done by the firms. He found the women employees provided with lockers, rest rooms with nurses, and physicians in attendance and lunch rooms where meals were served at reasonable prices. There was also an emergency hospital.

Agnes Nestor, president of the National Women's Trade Union league and the only woman member of the advisory council named by Secretary of Labor Wilson, made a plea for an eight-hour day and equal pay for men and women performing the same work. She said the minimum pay for men at the stockyards was 27½ cents an hour, while the minimum wage for women was 20 cents an hour. She declared this discrimination unjust. "At this time when women are entering so many new branches of industry because of the war it is all the more important that women doing men's work receive men's pay," said the witness.

VAST LEGACY OF WAR DEBT THREATENS REPUBLICANS SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 14.—The empire resources development committee has been trying to devise ways and means of paying off the vast legacy of debt that will be bequeathed by the war. It has not been long at it, but according to H. Wilson-Fox, M. P., a prominent member of the committee, it is making highly satisfactory progress in the solution of the problem.

As outlined by Wilson-Fox in an address before the Royal Colonial Institute, the colossal sums needed are to be obtained by the state developing certain resources of the empire on a huge scale and turning over the profits to the national treasury. One of these is fish, of which Mr. Wilson-Fox said unlimited supplies could be obtained from Canada and Newfoundland. This fish, it was asserted, could be sold in the United Kingdom at prices far below those ruling before the war, provide a good living for all engaged in the work and yield the state a profit of from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 pounds a year.

Another proposal was that the state should participate in the supply and distribution of the palm products obtained in the empire which are daily becoming of greater importance as articles of food. From this, it was calculated, the profit

would soon amount to 50,000,000 pounds annually.

Another 100,000,000 pounds a year, it was estimated, could be derived by the state from electricity for light and power to be provided at much cheaper rates than private companies charged.

The home government, it was suggested, should co-operate with Canada in the early development and sale of large tracts of corn land.

If a grant of 200,000,000 acres could be negotiated, the committee believed, the nation's food supply would be assured and within a quarter of a century the sale of farms in this area would pay off a large portion of the empire's debt.

"Looking into the future," said the lecturer, "we can visualize the state as an owner of vast herds of cattle overseas raised on lands which are today untutilized; as a proprietor of forests and valuable plantations of tropical shrubs and trees grown on areas which are still virgin, and the harnesser of mighty waterfalls fed by the eternal snows of India and Africa; as an organizer of great commercial air services, and as the reaper of an immense scale of the manifold harvest of the seas."

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(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 14.—William H. Hays of Indiana, elected chairman of the Republican national committee here yesterday, will have a free hand in bringing about harmony for the next attack on the Democratic citadel, according to weary committeemen, who are resting from their labors.

The committee eliminated the entire executive committee so as to make a clean job of providing the party with new leadership.

A. T. Merri, representing Kentucky, said that from what he knew of Hays' energy it would not be long before the committee was called together to act with the chairman in selecting a new executive committee.

The recommendations of the old executive committee calling for an advisory committee of women and continuing the old Hughes campaign committee were ignored. It was said,

in order not to bind Mr. Hays in any way as to his staff.

There was considerable objection to eliminating the matter of the committee of the women, but R. K. Rynicka of Ohio, where woman suffrage was recently defeated, was sustained in his contention that the matter could safely be left to Mr. Hays. None of the suffragists who addressed the committee was present. They were chiefly interested in obtaining a pledge for the federal amendment and this the committee gave in adopting the resolution made public by the executive committee yesterday. The resolution pledging support to the Wilson administration in pressing the war, expressing gratitude and affection for Theodore Roosevelt and paying tribute to Lincoln was also adopted.

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Report of Tonopah Divide Mining Co.

Tonopah, Nev., January 25, 1918.

Mr. H. C. Brougher, President.

Dear Sir—Work was resumed on your property April, 1917; since that date a double compartment shaft 4½ by 7½ feet was sunk to a depth of 265 feet, which is the present depth of the shaft. At a depth of 105 feet a station was cut, and crosscut was advanced in a southerly direction 205 feet. At a point in this crosscut, 145 feet from the shaft a vein was encountered which is about 20 feet wide, carrying values in gold, silver and molybdenum. Average samples taken by me across this vein assayed in gold and silver (exclusive of the molybdenum content) from \$27 to \$70 per ton. A drift was run east on the footwall of the vein a distance of 35 feet, showing average values in gold and silver of from \$6 to \$50 per ton. At the same time a drift was run west on the hanging wall of the vein a distance of 25 feet, showing average values in gold and silver of from \$35 to \$50 per ton.

A station is now being cut at the 265-foot level, from which a crosscut will be extended to the vein.

Your equipment consists of one 18 horsepower gasoline hoist, one small compressor, engine house, blacksmith shop, 100-ton ore bin, Ford utility runabout and a comfortable boarding and bunk house.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM WATERS, Superintendent.

The management has had different mill tests made, A. H. Jones, superintendent of the Belmont mill at Tonopah, having made tests, as well as the Goldfield Consolidated Mines company, using oil flotation.

While up to the present time these tests have been encouraging, nothing definite has been decided upon as to the future treatment of this ore. After extending the crosscut on the 265-foot level, further tests will be made to determine what process would be most advantageous.

H. C. BROUGHER, President.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer.

To the President, Board of Directors and Stockholders of Tonopah Divide Mining Company:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit the following statement showing operating expenses since resumption of operations under the present management, which statement includes development costs, assets and liabilities, and summary of cash account:

	Mine Operating Expense.	Misc. and Labor. Supplies.	Total.
Shaft sinking	\$2,795.73	\$1,968.18	\$4,763.91
Crosscuts, drifts and station	2,761.50	1,247.40	4,008.90
Office supplies		10.98	10.98
Revenue tax		9.89	9.89
Liability insurance		89.36	89.36
Assaying		93.65	93.65
Miscellaneous		184.35	184.35
Interest		18.65	18.65
Administration expense		15.00	15.00
Repairs		61.29	61.29
Hospital assessment		4.00	4.00
	\$5,557.23	\$3,697.76	\$9,254.98

Development Work and Costs.

	Feet.	Cost Per Ft.
Shaft	173	\$27.50
Crosscuts, drifts and station	284	15.13

Comparative Balance Sheet—January 29, 1918.

ASSETS	
Liability insurance	60.00
Property (mines, mining claims, plant and equipment)	\$ 25,795.34
Stock subscription	495,800.00
Treasury stock	260,700.00
Mining supplies	399.38
Listing stock	100.00
Mining rights	212,890.00
Cash	21,267.35
	\$1,015,011.97
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$1,000,000.00
Royalties	194.77
Transfer fees	3.20
Redemption of property	14,811.00
	\$1,015,011.97

Summary of Cash Accounts.

RECEIPTS	
Cash balance October, 1916	\$ 2,598.41
Sale of treasury stock	32,630.00
Royalties	206.74
Transfer fees	3.20
Bills payable	2,000.00
	\$ 37,438.35
DISBURSEMENTS	
Labor	\$ 9,681.00
Vouchers	6,490.00
Balance in bank	21,267.35
	\$ 37,438.35

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. ERICKSON, Treasurer.

Your property consists of nine patented claims of approximately 112 acres.

Officers and directors are as follows: H. C. Brougher, president and general manager; George Wingfield, vice-president; E. J. Erickson, secretary and treasurer, who, together with W. Brougher and W. J. Douglass, constitute the board of directors.

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(By Associated Press.)

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